



# Breakfast Meal Pattern Requirements

Welcome to the SD Child and Adult Nutrition Services webinar on Breakfast Meal Pattern requirements in the School Nutrition Program.

## Breakfast Meal Components

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- Fruits: 1 cup

- Grains:

| Age-Grade Group | K-5       | 6-8       | 9-12      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Minimum Daily   | 1 oz. eq. | 1 oz. eq. | 1 oz. eq. |
| Minimum Weekly  | 7 oz. eq. | 8 oz. eq. | 9 oz. eq. |

- Milk: 1 cup

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There are 3 meal components for breakfast --- fruits, grains, and milk. 1 cup of fruit and 1 cup of milk is required for all grade groups. As you can see here grain requirements are a 1 oz equivalent minimum per day, but the weekly minimum varies by grade group. Grades K-5 need 7 oz equivalents at minimum per week. Grades 6-8 need 8 oz. equivalents at minimum per week and grades 9-12 need 9 oz equivalents at minimum per week.

## Grade Groups

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Same grade groups for NSLP and SBP:

- K-5
- 6-8
- 9-12



There is MORE menu planning flexibility at breakfast.

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- The same grade groups are used for planning lunches and breakfasts.
- The grade groups are now narrower to provide age-appropriate meals.

As you will see in the following slides, there is significant overlap in component and nutrient standard requirements. This provides further flexibility for schools that serve more than one age-grade group at breakfast and means a single menu can be used for all grade groups!

|                                 | Breakfast Meal Pattern   |            |             |
|---------------------------------|--|------------|-------------|
|                                 | Grades K-5   | Grades 6-8 | Grades 9-12 |
| Meal Pattern                    | Amount of Food Per Week<br>(Minimum Per Day)   |            |             |
| Fruits <sup>d</sup> (cups)      | 5 (1)  | 5 (1)      | 5 (1)       |
| Vegetables <sup>d</sup> (cups)  | No requirement, substitution for fruit allowed.  |            |             |
| Veg subgroups                   |  |            |             |
| Dark Green                      | 0  | 0          | 0           |
| Red / Orange                    | 0  | 0          | 0           |
| Beans/Peas (Legumes)            | 0  | 0          | 0           |
| Starchy <sup>d</sup>            | 0  | 0          | 0           |
| Other                           | 0  | 0          | 0           |
| Grains (oz eq)                  | 7-10 (1)   | 8-10 (1)   | 9-10 (1)    |
| Meat/Meat Alternates<br>(oz eq) | No requirement, substitution in place of grains allowed after 1 oz eq daily requirement met. |            |             |
| Fluid Milk (cups)               | 5 (1)  | 5 (1)      | 5 (1)       |

## Breakfast Meal Pattern

Here are the Breakfast Meal Pattern requirements. This table shows both the daily and weekly minimum requirement for each food component.

The daily fruit requirement is 1 cup.

Half of grains served must be Whole Grain Rich, the remaining does not have to be Whole Grain Rich.

Milk requirements will include low-fat flavored milk as well as the previously accepted non-fat flavored and unflavored and low-fat unflavored.

For breakfast, vegetables may be substituted for fruits, but the 1st two cups per week of any such substitution must be from the dark green, red/orange, other, beans/peas (legumes) subgroups **before you can serve the Starchy subgroup.**

**Now we will discuss each individual component and their requirements for the breakfast meal pattern.**

## Fluid Milk (Breakfast)

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- Same requirements as Lunch
- Allowable milk options:
  - Must be pasteurized fluid milk
  - Fat-free (unflavored or flavored)
  - Low-fat (unflavored or flavored)
  - Fat-free or low-fat (lactose-reduced or lactose-free)
- Must offer at least **two** choices
- For all grade groups schools must offer at least 1 cup daily.



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- Milk has the same requirements as it does for lunch.
- All milk must be pasteurized.
- Schools must offer at least **two** milk choices, and one of them must be unflavored.
- Allowable milk options include fluid fat-free and low-fat milk, and the milk may be flavored or unflavored.
- For all grade groups schools must offer at least 1 cup daily.

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## Fruit (Breakfast)



Schools must offer 1 cup of fruit daily.

- Fresh, frozen, dried, or canned fruit pieces
- 100% fruit juice limited to no more than half of the weekly fruit credit
  - 100% juice no more than 2.5 cups per week
  - For example,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup fruit pieces and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup 100% juice daily fits the juice requirement

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- Schools must offer 1 cup of fruit daily. The fruit can be fresh, frozen, dried or canned fruit pieces.
- There is a limit on how much juice can be served: No more than half of the weekly fruit may be credited in the form of 100% fruit or vegetable Juice. So that means no more than 2.5 cups per week of juice.
- For example,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup grapes and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup OJ meets the 1 cup daily fruit requirement.





## Fruit (Breakfast)

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Schools may offer a:

- Single fruit
- Combination of fruits
- Combination of fruit pieces and 100% fruit juice

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Here are the options for how fruit can be offered to students: Schools may offer a single fruit, a combination of fruits, or a combination of fruit pieces and 100% fruit juice.

Now we are going to look at some Juice labels and decide if the juice is creditable.

## CREDITABLE JUICE OR NOT?



Yes, this juice  
is creditable!

Label: 100% Juice  
Naturally Cranberry

Ingredients: 100% FRUIT JUICE (FILTERED WATER  
SUFFICIENT TO RECONSTITUTE APPLE, CRANBERRY  
AND PEAR JUICE CONCENTRATES), CALCIUM  
GLUCONATE, CITRIC ACID, NATURAL FLAVORS,  
CALCIUM LACTATE, ASCORBIC ACID (VITAMIN C),  
VEGETABLE COLOR.

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Here we have an ingredient label for juice. We need to read the label and figure out if this juice is creditable or not.

The first ingredient in this juice is 100% fruit juice and the label says 100% juice. That means that this juice is creditable.

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# CREDITABLE JUICE OR NOT?



Label: 100% APPLE JUICE  
FROM CONCENTRATE WITH VITAMIN C

Ingredients: CONTAINS PURE FILTERED WATER,  
CONCENTRATED APPLE JUICE, VITAMIN C  
(ASCORBIC ACID).

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Let's try another one. First ingredient listed for this juice is water, but the **label says 100% juice**. That means that this juice **is** creditable.

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# CREDITABLE JUICE OR NOT?

No, this juice  
is not creditable!

Label: Strawberry Passion Flavored Juice

Beverage

Ingredients: CONTAINS PHOSPHATE, FILTERED  
WATER, PEACH FLAVOR, PEACH  
CONCENTRATE, SWEETENERS (HIGH  
FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP, SUGAR), APPLE,  
PASSIONFRUIT AND STRAWBERRY JUICES  
FROM CONCENTRATE...



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The first ingredient on this juice label is water and label does not say 100% juice. There are also a lot of other ingredients on the this juice label. The slide only shows the first handful of ingredients. That means that this juice is **NOT** creditable.

*\*\*X and answer box appear on advance click\*\**

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## Vegetable Juice



### Ingredients

WATER, SWEET POTATO, JUJUBE, APPLE AND PEAR JUICE CONCENTRATES, LESS THAN 2% OF DRAGON PUNCH, CARROT AND ARONIA JUICE CONCENTRATES, NATURAL FLAVORS, ASCORBIC ACID (VITAMIN C), MALIC ACID, CELERY, BETA CAROTENE (COLOR), KALE, BROCCOLI, LETTUCE, AND SPINACH CONCENTRATES, D-ALPHA TOCOPHERYL ACETATE (VITAMIN E), VITAMIN A PALMITATE

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Here is a label for Vegetable Juice. We can see that it contains both fruits and vegetables so you may be wondering how does it credit? Should this credit as a fruit or vegetable?

This juice would be credited as a vegetable, since the first ingredient after water is sweet potato. It would count in the additional vegetable subgroup.

If water is the first ingredient, the package must say 100% Juice

## Vegetables (Breakfast)

### Potatoes at breakfast:

- Serve as an extra food with no component credit
  - This is counted in nutrient standards!
- or**
- Follow vegetable substitution rule

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- At breakfast there are some exceptions and flexibilities when menu planning. We will present all the rules and flexibilities today, but we strongly encourage you to begin with a simple menu plan.
- Once you become comfortable with the simple menu, you can try out the various flexibilities if they work for your school. We consider these complicated or masters level menu planning.
- For breakfast, vegetables may be substituted for fruits, but the 1st two cups per week of any such substitution must be from the dark green, red/orange, other, beans/peas (legumes) subgroups **before you can serve Starchy subgroup.**
- There is also a rule for menu planning Starchy vegetables like hash brown potatoes. You can serve it as an extra food with no component credit, or you can follow the vegetable substitution rule. The menu must contain 2 cups from any other veg subgroup (dark green, red/orange, beans peas (legumes), or other in order to include a Starchy veg on the breakfast menu.
- There is also a requirement for students to take a minimum of ½ cup of fruit or

vegetable under Offer Vs. Serve.

## Grains (Breakfast)

| Age-Grade Group | K-5       | 6-8       | 9-12      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Minimum Daily   | 1 oz. eq. | 1 oz. eq. | 1 oz. eq. |
| Minimum Weekly  | 7 oz. eq. | 8 oz. eq. | 9 oz. eq. |

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There is a minimum DAILY grain requirement of 1 oz eq. for all grade groups (K-12)  
There is a minimum WEEKLY grain requirement for each grade group. Grades K-5 need 7 oz equivalents at minimum per week. Grades 6-8 need 8 oz. equivalents at minimum per week and grades 9-12 need 9 oz equivalents at minimum per week.



## Grains (Breakfast)

HALF OF GRAINS MUST BE WHOLE GRAIN RICH

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Starting with SY 2019-2020, half of grains offered must be whole grain-rich.



## Breakfast dietary Specifications

(A.K.A. NUTRIENT STANDARDS)

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Next we will discuss the Breakfast Dietary Specifications. Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Standards mean the same thing.

## Calorie Ranges (Breakfast)

| Grade Groups   | K-5     | 6-8     | 9-12    | K-12    |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Calorie Ranges | 350-500 | 400-550 | 450-600 | 450-500 |

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- Here are the calorie ranges for Breakfast for each grade group. Remember that calories are calculated using a weekly average. That is done by adding up all the calories in your menus and dividing it by the number of days served.
- You can see on this slide there are many menu planning flexibilities due to the overlap in requirements. You can use a K-12 menu plan with a 450-500 calorie requirement.
- We will go over menu planning flexibilities in just a moment.

## Fats (Breakfast)



Same as the lunch fat requirements

Trans Fat- Zero grams per serving, or 0.5g per serving on the label

Saturated Fat- Less than (<) 10% of the total calories can be from saturated fat

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The requirements for fats at breakfast are the same as lunch. For Trans Fat there needs to be zero grams per serving or .5 grams per serving on the label.

Less than 10% of the total calories can be from saturated fat.

## Sodium (Breakfast)

|      | Target 1  | Target 2  |
|------|-----------|-----------|
|      | SY2014-15 | SY2024-25 |
| K-5  | ≤540mg    | ≤485mg    |
| 6-8  | ≤600mg    | ≤535mg    |
| 9-12 | ≤640mg    | ≤570mg    |



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- Here are the sodium targets for breakfast. Target 1 sodium requirements were retained until SY2023-24, and Target 2 sodium requirements will take effect SY2024-25.
- If you are using a combined menu planning group like K-12, your sodium target is the most strict requirement which would be less than ≤540mg.



## Breakfast Menu Planning grade groups

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Next we will discuss Breakfast Menu Planning for the grade groups.

## Grade Groups (Breakfast)

| 5-day<br>Week-                             | Grades            | Grades            | Grades            | Grades            | Grades            |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | K-8               | K-5               | 6-8               | 9-12              | K-12              |
|  | Weekly<br>(daily) | Weekly<br>(daily) | Weekly<br>(daily) | Weekly<br>(daily) | Weekly<br>(daily) |
| <b>Fruits<br/>(cups)</b>                   | 5 (1)             | 5 (1)             | 5 (1)             | 5 (1)             | 5 (1)             |
| <b>Grains<br/>(oz eq)</b>                  | 8-10 (1)          | 7-10 (1)          | 8-10 (1)          | 9-10 (1)          | 9-10 (1)          |
| <b>Fluid Milk<br/>(cups)</b>               | 5 (1)             | 5 (1)             | 5 (1)             | 5 (1)             | 5 (1)             |
| <b>Min-max<br/>Calories,<br/>daily avg</b> | 400-<br>500       | 350-<br>500       | 400-<br>550       | 450-<br>600       | 450-<br>500       |

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- As previously discussed, there are many overlaps in calorie requirements for breakfast for all grade groups. You can use the standard: K-5, 6-8, 9-12 menu plans or you can combine the groups into K-8 or K-12 menu plans

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## The Simple Approach

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**Whole Grain Rich:** Plan a minimum of 1-2 oz eq grain daily, to meet daily & weekly requirements

**Fruit:** Plan 1 cup fruit daily

**Milk:** Plan 1 cup daily

- at least 2 choices of low-fat or no-fat milk must be offered

Menus must meet **dietary specifications:**

- Calorie ranges for grade groups
- Zero grams trans fat
- <10% of total calories can be from sat fat

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You can make breakfast very simple or very complicated.  
It is recommend to use the simple approach when you first start.

Here are the requirements for a simple approach breakfast menu. Every day a minimum of 1-2 oz of grains need to be served along with 1 cup of fruit and 1 cup of milk. Remember that at least 2 choices of low fat or no fat milk must be offered. Menus must also meet those dietary specifications that we discussed for calorie range, trans fat, saturated fat and sodium.



## Where's the Beef?

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You may be asking yourself - Can I add Meat/Meat Alternate to my breakfast menu?

Yes! There are options!

## Meat/Meat Alternate (Breakfast)

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No m/ma is required

- If you want to serve a M/MA you must plan 1 oz eq grain first.

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There is no requirement to menu plan a meat/meat alternate at breakfast. Since many schools prefer to add a source of lean protein at breakfast, there is flexibility for the menu planner to allow for meat/meat alternate at breakfast.

Option 1: schools have flexibility to offer a meat/meat alternate in place of grains (or as a substitution) as long as the menu also meets the 1 oz equivalent of grains daily requirement. This is intended to safeguard planning flexibility while promoting the consumption of whole grain-rich foods consistent with the recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

When the meat/meat alternate is offered in place of grains as part of the reimbursable meal, the menu planner counts it toward BOTH the weekly grains requirement AND as a “food item” under OVS.

## M/MA (Breakfast)

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The menu planner may choose to offer a m/ma. There are two options:

**Option 1:** Credit the M/MA and offer 1 oz eq grain

**Option 2:** Do not credit the M/MA. Serve as an extra/free food.

- This option is expensive and will likely push you over your calorie, sodium, & saturated fat limits.

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In the second option, menu planners have discretion to offer meat/meat alternates as extra food, and choose to not credit the extra food toward the creditable grain component. These are considered extras offered outside the reimbursable meal, so they do not get counted in the reimbursable meal – keep this in mind for Offer verses serve.

Also, since meat/meat alternate is not a required component, there is no weekly maximum.

However, schools must continue to serve at least the minimum daily grain as part of the meal. Regardless of the decision of whether or not to substitute a meat/meat alternate for grains, all “extra” food offered would count toward the dietary specifications (calories, sodium, saturated fat, and trans fat).

This option is intended to give menu planners additional flexibility in building a menu that meets all the new meal requirements and while maintaining the option to add a source of lean protein at breakfast.

## Food Items at Breakfast: More flexibilities

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Extra or free food items may be offered that do not credit towards any component.

- Menus must meet daily and weekly meal pattern requirements without the addition of the extra/free food items.
- All extra or free foods must fit within the weekly nutrient standards (calories, saturated fat, trans fat, and sodium)

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We already discussed how menu planners have discretion to offer meat/meat alternates as extra food, and choose to not credit the extra food toward the creditable grain component. The menu planner may also plan extra food items. These are considered extras offered outside the reimbursable meal, so they do not get counted in the reimbursable meal – keep this in mind if you are on Offer Verses serve. These extra/free foods do not get counted in the daily or weekly component requirements. All “extra” food offered would count toward the dietary specifications (calories, sodium, saturated fat, and trans fat).

And remember, schools must continue to serve at least the minimum daily and weekly component requirements.



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## Other considerations

### **BREAKFAST MENUS**

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Now we will discuss a few more things to consider when it comes to breakfast menus.

## Grab and Go Pre-Plated/Bundled Foods

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Images of grab and go/bundled breakfasts

You may want to consider doing pre-plated breakfast or bundled foods as shown here. These are a convenient and quick option for students who are in a hurry.

## Identify those reimbursable meals!

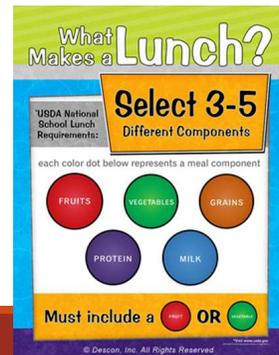
Help the students and staff understand what is offered as a part of their reimbursable meal.

Identifies minimum requirements under Offer vs. Serve.

Helps with nutrition education.

Identifies a la carte purchases.

**Today's Breakfast:**  
Egg Burrito, Apple, &  
Milk or  
Muffin, Apple, & Milk



Identification of a reimbursable meal at or near the beginning of the meal service line is required.

On this slide are a couple of examples of how this can be done.

It is important to help the students and staff understand what is offered as part of their reimbursable meal. It identifies the minimum requirements under Offer vs. Serve, helps with nutrition education and identifies a la carte purchases.

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